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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF GUAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of guar during the last three years and the number of families involved in the cultivation of guar, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to involve Women`s Self Help Groups (SHGs) to improve the production of guar and to enhance the farmer`s income; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): State-wise production of Guarseed from 2003-04 to 2005-06 and the number of agricultural operational holdings growing Guar crop as per the Agricultural Census 1995-96 (latest available) are given in the table below:

State	Production (`000 Tonnes)			Number of Agricultural Operational Holdings
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Gujarat	203.8	157.1	157.1	178433
Haryana	117.2	358.7	289.0	108817
Punjab	27.1	19.4	17.8	Not available
Rajasthan	1163.2	366.0	593.2	879555
Uttar Pradesh	2.1	2.1	1.9	Not available
All India	1513.4	903.3	1059.0	1207257

(b)&(c): Government has approved Rs.14.50 crore for the project aiming at increasing 50% Guarseed production and Guargum export in 5 years in the States of Haryana, Rajasthan and Gujarat mainly through the involvement of Women`s Self Help Groups providing income of Rs.15,000 per beneficiary per year.